

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A water-soluble or dispersible, non-hydrolysable polysaccharide (NHP), having at least one first polymeric textile benefit species bonded thereto by a hydrolytically stable bond and a second textile benefit species which is not covalently bonded thereto wherein the second textile benefit species is a second polymeric textile softening species (SPSS) and wherein the SPSS is a silicone having a dynamic viscosity of >2,500 mPa.s.
2. (original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the first polymeric textile benefit species is a first polymeric textile softening species (FPSS).
3. (original) A composition according to claim 2 wherein the bond between the FPSS and the polysaccharide is such that the decay rate constant (k_d) of the material in an aqueous solution at 0.01 wt% of the material together with 0.1 wt% of anionic surfactant at a temperature of 40°C at a pH of 10.5 is such that $k_d < 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$.
4. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the NHP has a backbone comprising β_{1-4} linkages.
5. (original) A composition according to claim 4 wherein the NHP is a poly-glucan, poly-mannan, gluco-mannan or a mixture thereof.
6. (original) A composition according to claim 5 wherein the NHP is a galacto-mannan, xylo-glucan or a mixture thereof.
7. (original) A composition according to claim 6 wherein the NHP is locust bean gum, tamarind xyloglucan, guar gum or mixture thereof.
8. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 2 wherein first polymeric textile softening species (FPSS) is a silicone.

9. (cancel)

10. (cancel)

11. (cancel)

12. (currently amended) A composition according to claim 9 wherein the ratio of the NHP with the FPSS bonded thereto to the SPSS is in the range 1:100 to 1:5 parts by weight, ~~preferably 1:20-1:10 parts by weight.~~

13. (currently amended) A composition as claimed in claim 40 1 comprising NHP with FPSS bonded thereto, and optionally SPSS, as the dispersed phase of an emulsion.

14. (previously presented) A composition as claimed in claim 13 further comprising an emulsifying agent.

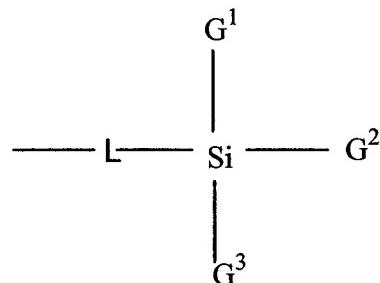
15. (previously presented) A composition as claimed in claim 14 wherein the emulsifying agent comprises a non-ionic surfactant.

16. (currently amended) A composition as claimed in claim 42 13 wherein the emulsion is 30 to 99.9%, ~~preferably 40 to 99% of another liquid component, preferably a polar solvent, most preferably water.~~

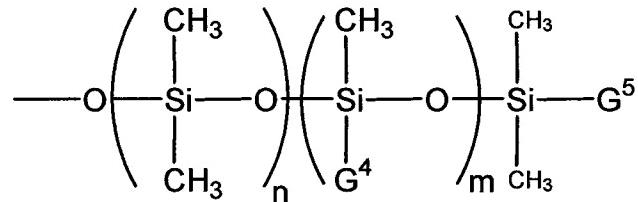
17. (previously presented) A composition as claimed in claim 2 wherein the FPSS is a silicone selected from polydialkyl siloxanes, amine derivatives thereof, and mixtures thereof.

18. (currently amended) A composition as claimed in claim 17, wherein the silicone chain(s) on the substituted polysaccharide have an average degree of substitution of from 0.001 to 0.5, ~~preferably 0.01 to 0.5, more preferably from 0.01 to 0.1, even more preferably from 0.01 to 0.05.~~

19. (currently amended) A composition as claimed in claim 17, wherein the silicone chain(s) in the substituted polysaccharide is or are independently selected from those of formula:



wherein L is absent or is a linking group and one or two of substituents G¹-G³ is a methyl group, the remainder being selected from groups of formula



the $-Si(CH_3)_2O-$ groups and the $-Si(CH_3O)(G^4)-$ groups being arranged in random or block fashion, ~~but preferably random~~.

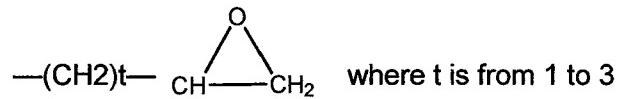
wherein n is from 5 to 1000, ~~preferably from 10 to 200~~ and m is from 0 to 100, ~~preferably from 0 to 20, for example from 1 to 20.~~

G⁴ is selected from groups of formula:

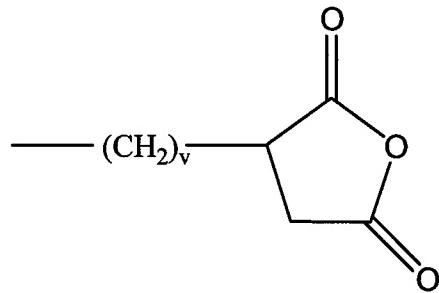
$-(CH_2)_p-CH_3$, where p is from 1 to 18

$-(CH_2)_q-NH-(CH_2)_r-NH_2$ where q and r are independently from 1 to 3

$-(CH_2)_s-NH_2$, where s is from 1 to 3



$-(CH_2)_u-COOH$, where u is from 1 to 10,



where v is from 1 to 10, and

$-(CH_2-CH_2O)_w-(CH_2)_x H$, where w is from 1 to 150, preferably from 10 to 20 and x is from 0 to 10;

and G⁵ is independently selected from hydrogen, groups defined above for G⁴, —OH, —CH₃ and —C(CH₃)₃.

20. (previously presented) A composition as claimed in claim 19, where L is selected from amide linkages, ester linkages, ether linkages, urethane linkages, triazine linkages, carbonate linkages, amine linkages and ester-alkylene linkages.

21. (previously presented) A laundry treatment composition comprising a composition as claimed in claim 1 and at least one further component.

22. (previously presented) A laundry treatment composition as claimed in claim 21, wherein the further component comprises a surfactant.

23. (currently amended) A method for enhancing Use of a composition as claimed in claim 1 to enhance the softening benefit of a laundry treatment composition on a substrate comprising the step of contacting the substrate with the laundry treatment composition containing the composition of claim 1.

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25. (cancel)